

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, the Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-10 and 15-18), without traverse. Applicants have canceled the non-elected apparatus claims, without prejudice.

Consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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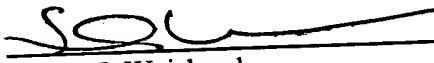
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